



Kingsley Players stage classic satirical comedy '*Cold Comfort Farm*' (22 – 25 October 2025)

Award-winning Kingsley Players re-visit the classic, satirical comedy '***Cold Comfort Farm***' in a fabulous new production on stage in Kingsley, Wednesday 22 – Saturday 25 October.



Set in the 1930s, the story follows the fortunes of cultivated Londoner, Flora Poste, as she seeks out her only family, the Starkadders, after the death of her parents.

But far from finding solace, she discovers chaos reigns at Cold Comfort Farm in deepest rural Sussex, providing kind-hearted Flora with a series of distracting challenges to bring order and happiness to the lives of her motley collection of relatives.

The play by Paul Doust is an adaptation of the 1932 novel '*Cold Comfort Farm*' by Stella Gibbons, which was judged one of the top 100 influential British novels in a BBC poll. The 'tongue-in-cheek' classic story has also

inspired several TV and radio versions, including a popular 1995 film starring Stephen Fry, Joanna Lumley, Ian McKellan and Kate Beckinsale as Flora.

Director Malcolm Barker said: "I first saw the film, read the book and play script at the start of this century, on the eve of Kingsley Players' 25th birthday celebration. The story is a wonderful classic comedy, so well written and deserving of its longevity.

"I offered to direct the play, and it featured in our 2001 Silver Anniversary season, when it was much appreciated by our audiences. In the intervening years, the performing rights were then withdrawn by the executors of the author's estate, thwarting all attempts to revive this fabulous classic.

"Great news however – just in time, the rights have just been restored and what a star we now have to herald in the Players' Golden Anniversary season in 2026. This production is a full-on community project. The stage will be filled by a cast of nearly thirty people, comprising some of the county's most talented actors, supported by a team of enthusiastic locals. Do come along and help us make history!"

'Cold Comfort Farm' will be on stage at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, from Wednesday 22 to Saturday 25 October 2024, 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee, 2.30pm.

Tickets cost £12, with £8 tickets available for students/children. These can be booked online at www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.